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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS REDEFINITION PROPOSALS ON RECORDERS -
IL 1572

REF : COCOM DOC DEF(73)1572/7 AND /15

1. THE PROPOSAL OF THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TO REDEFINE
IL 1572 FOR THE BENEFIT OF VLP RECORD MASTER MAKING
MACHINES CONTAINS THREE ELEMENTS. THE FIRST, CONTAINED IN
THE PROPOSED WORDING "...AND/OR LIGHT BEAMS GENERATED BY
LASERS EMBARGOED BY IL 1522," IN THE VIEW OF US EXPERTS
EXCEEDS THE INTENT OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL AND IS NOT
NECESSARY TO ITS ACHIEVEMENT. THERE ARE CLASSIFIED INTEL-
LIGENCE AND SIDE-LOOKING RADAR INSTRUMENTS WHICH, ALTHOUGH
EMBARGOED BY VIRTUE OF IML COVERAGE, INCORPORATE NON-
EMBARGOED HELIUM-NEON LASERS. THEREFORE, US AUTHORITIES
ARE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THE FIRST ELEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS
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PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF RELEASING

AUTOMATICALLY AND WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO PREVIEW ANY VERSIONS OF THOSE SYSTEMS WHICH MIGHT SOME DAY FIND THEIR WAY INTO CIVIL MARKETS. THE US DELEGATION SHOULD OPPOSE THIS FIRST CHANGE.

2. IN THE VIEW OF US EXPERTS, THE SECOND ELEMENT, EXPRESSED IN THE WORDS "...EXCEPT EQUIPMENT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR

VIDEO RECORDING ON DISCS:..." FULLY ACHIEVES THE DESIRED INTENT OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL AND MAY BE ACCEPTED BY THE US DELEGATION. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SUBSTITUTE "TELEVISION" FOR "VIDEO" TO AVOID ANY AMBIGUITY WHICH MIGHT ARISE BY VIRTUE OF FREQUENT USAGE OF THE WORD "VIDEO" TO REFER TO ANY WIDE BANDWIDTH SIGNAL AND NOT MERELY TELEVISION SIGNALS. ADDITIONALLY, TO ASSURE FURTHER CLARITY THE WORD "RECORDING" MIGHT BE LENGTHENED TO "RECORDING/REPRODUCING".

3. THE THIRD ELEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL IS TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH US EXPERTS REGARD IT AS UNNECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING TO IL 1572(B) AND (D) CONTAINED IN COCOM DOC IL(73)1. THE US DELEGATION MAY REMAIN OPENMINDED ON THIS LATTER ELEMENT. RUSH

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